



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Muller GROUP ART UNIT: 3726
SERIAL NO.: 10/031,655 EXAMINER: Jermie E. Cozart
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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FASTENING AN AUXILIARY
JOINING ELEMENT TO A SHEET-SHAPED WORK PIECE AND
WORK PIECE THAT IS PROVIDED WITH SUCH AN AUXILIARY
JOINING ELEMENT
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THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the late filing of the Amendment is attached to this petition. If any additional fees are necessary regarding this response, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard. **A duplicate of this document is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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